Subject: WIPP PCB modification

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James,

Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety (CCNS) understands that last Friday the Department of Energy (DOE) submitted a Class 1\* which would allow an unlimited amount of PCBs for disposal at WIPP. The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) should deny the Class 1\* and require DOE to submit a full modification request, with opportunity for public comment. CCNS believes that DOE is proposing a complicated modification that requires a Class 2 or Class 3 process, not a Class 1\*. The proposed modification is more that "something you don't have to think about."

DOE and NMED held a meeting about another proposed Class 1\* modification for the closure for Panel 1. CCNS requests that a similar meeting be held to discuss the PCB issue.

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